# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

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POWER GENERATION IN RAJASTHAN
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) the quantity of power being generated in Rajasthan presently along with its demand in the State; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of power in Rajasthan?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) : The electricity generation in Rajasthan during April, 2002 − January, 2003 was 17,979 Million Units including Central Generating Stations located in the State. Power supply position during the same period in the State is given below :

| Energy (MU) April-January, 2003 | | Peak (MW) April-January, 2003 | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Requirement | 21815 | Peak Demand | 3880 |
| Availability | 21354 | Peak Met | 3820 |
| Shortage | 461 | Deficit | 60 |
| Percentage (%) | 2.1 | Percentage (%) | 1.5 |

(b) : Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the responsibility of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned whichdecides the priorities of power supply to various category of consumers / areas in the State.

However, in order to mitigate power shortage in the country including Rajasthan, the following steps are being taken :

(i) Besides capacity addition of 660.32 MW in State Sector in Rajasthan,generation capacity of 7340 MW is planned to be set up in Central Sector in Northern Region during 10th Plan in which Rajasthan will have entitlements.

(ii) Implementation of Renovation, Modernization and Life Extension (R&M &LE) Schemes for old and inefficient generating units for overall improvement in generation performance. PFC disburses loan with interest subsidy of 3%under Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme for this purpose.

(iii) Enhancement in evacuation of surplus power from Eastern region to other regions including Northern Region of which Rajasthan is a constituent by setting up of inter-regional links. Recently, Sasaram HVDC back-to-backstation has been commissioned which has facilitated transfer of 500 MW from Eastern Region to Northern Region in asynchronous mode.Rajasthan is also a beneficiary of Eastern Region power.

(iv) Promoting energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

(v) Government of India is striving for achieving financial turn around of State Electricity Boards/Utilities so as to enable them to become commercially viable. To bring about reforms in distribution, Ministry of Power in Government of India has launched Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) as a major step towards reduction in aggregate transmission and commercial losses and attaining commercial viability of the power sector.